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## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): SPREAD ILLUMINATING APPARATUS WITH TRANSPARENT SUBSTRATE  
HAVING GROOVE PORTIONS OBLIQUELY ARRANGED AND INTERSECTING ONE  
ANOTHER

By (Inventors): Shingo SUZUKI

- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-9; 4 sheets) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to Minebea Co., Ltd. is filed herewith.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ A statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27 is filed herewith.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--  
☒ Priority of foreign application(s) No. 11-235495 filed August 23, 1999 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.  
☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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INDEP CLAIMS	2 - 3	= *
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x 9 =	\$
x 39 =	\$
+130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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x 18	\$
x 78	\$
+260	\$
TOTAL	\$ 690

- ☒ Check No. 111272 in the amount of \$690.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.  
☐ This application is entitled to small entity status. DO NOT charge large entity fees to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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